

Calendar Advisory



What: Wild Horse & Burro Adoption

When: February 24-26, 2006

Times: 9 am to 5 pm all three days

NOTE: Competitive silent bid takes place on Saturday, at 11 am

Walk-up adoptions held following competitive bid through Sunday

Where: Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds in Apache Junction, Ariz.

Admission fee: Free. There is no cost to view animals or to complete an application.

Adoption fee: Adoption fees only apply if you meet qualifications to take an animal home

Minimum adoption fee is \$125, per animal

Special Features:

- Event held during Lost Dutchman Days
- An expected thirty-five wild horses and ten burros available for adoption
- Halter and Saddle trained horses, gentled by inmates from Canon City, Colorado Correctional Facility

Directions: A.J. Rodeo Grounds at 1590 East Lost Ductman Blvd., north of Highway 60, exit Idaho Road. (Apache Junction is about 40 miles east of Phoenix.)

Background: Event sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management. Protected by the wild free-roaming horses and burros Act, wild horses and burros found on public lands are known as living legends, symbolic of the historic West. Today, some of these animals are now in need of good homes.

Qualifications: To qualify to adopt, you must be 18 years of age with approved facilities and transportation. No more than four untitled animals, per approved adopter. After one year, adopters demonstrating humane treatment of animals in their care are eligible to apply for title.

For more information: Visit our web site at: www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov
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